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In accordance with instructions I have received, I would request you to circulate the attached communication, issued by the Press Service of the Ministry of Defence of the Azerbaijani Republic, as a document of the Security Council (see annex).

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Annex

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Press release issued 6 March 1995 by the
Ministry of Defence of Azerbaijan

During the night of 4/5 March, the Armenian armed forces, in violation of the cease-fire agreement, began a concentrated shelling with heavy artillery, multiple launch rocket systems and tanks of positions of the Azerbaijani army and border settlements in the Tauz, Kazakh and Akstafa districts. Losses were suffered by Azerbaijani army units and there have been victims among the civilian population. The shelling continued throughout the day and night of 5 March; on the morning of 6 March, the situation stabilized somewhat, although the infantry was preparing to fire on the settlement of Alibeily in Tauz district.

In the view of military experts, the Armenian military command is determined to exacerbate the situation along the north-western border of Azerbaijan in order to divert attention from the main attack, which is expected to take place in northern Karabakh.